

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY *FILE* 693

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Hopewell Methodist Church

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Corner of Hopewell and Adams Road

CITY, TOWN

Port Deposit

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

first

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Trustees of Hopewell Methodist Church

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Hopewell Road

CITY, TOWN

Port Deposit

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21904

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: WEB 8  
Folio #: 477

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Hopewell Methodist Church is a mid 19th century Romanesque Revival brick structure at the intersection of Hopewell Road and Adams Road. The church faces southwest with the primary gable running from northeast to southwest.

The main block consists of a 1½ story three bay by three bay five course common bond brick block with gable roof that rests on a fieldstone foundation. A three story pyramidal roofed bell tower rises on the southwest corner. A 20th century single story brick addition has been added to the southeast corner for associated church activities.

The main elevation (SW) is dominated by the tri-partite arched colored glass windows and arched double door tower entrance. Each door has five molded panels and a colored glass transom is found overhead. The second floor of the tower stair is lighted by a narrow single pane sash window. The second and third floor is usually separated by a cornice molding with separate string molding below. The pyramidal wood shingle bell tower roof is supported by four corner brick piers. A turned baluster railing stretches between each pier. Two molded wood string courses stretch around the tower and coincide with the handrail level and top of the tower opening. The roof is extended beyond the main walls. The roof slope kicks out when it nears the base of the roof. The peak is capped with a metal knob probably made of iron or copper.

The three windows are centered on the main block with a larger round arched window in the center which is separated by heavy arched muntins. The smaller side windows are a plain double sash with arched top window. The eastern window has been covered by the 20th century brick addition. A small five pane lunette lights the upper level of the structure. The eaves are extended and the fascia molded.

The west side of the church is three bays deep with the additional tower bay. The first floor of the tower has a arched colored glass window. The second and third floor is the same as described for the main elevation. The main block has three arched two pane colored sash. The eave is also extended on the sides of the church. A stuccoed brick stove stack rises out of the northwest corner of the main block.

The north end of the church is pierced by the same tri-partite colored glass arched sash. The east side of the church is covered by a shed addition. A late 18th, 19th and 20th century cemetery is directly north and east of the structure.

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The church also owns a 1½ story three bay by four bay rectangular frame community activity structure across the street. The weatherboard frame rests on a fieldstone foundation and is covered by a medium sloped tin roof with extended eaves and exposed rafter ends. The building faces east with the main roof running east/west.

The main elevation consists of a central entrance with bracketed shed protection which is flanked by two window openings now covered. The surrounds have a simple cap molding. A small oculus attic window or ventilator has been covered also.

The north and south sides have four covered openings. A brick stove stack rises out of the northwest corner of the structure.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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SPECIFIC DATES \_\_\_\_\_ BUILDER/ARCHITECT \_\_\_\_\_

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Hopewell Methodist congregation has worshiped at this site since the late 18th century and this is the second church structure on the site. The Romanesque Revival Church was built in 18 . The church is plain in comparison to elaborate Romanesque Revival structures, but follows the period in general massing with the asymmetrically placed pyramidal bell tower. The round arch window and door openings, characteristic of Romanesque Revival structures <sup>are</sup> ~~and~~ taken from the much earlier period of Romanesque Architecture ( 11th, 12th, and 13th century European Building Style).

The activity building is a typical frame structure used for various purposes and is especially similar to 19th century school houses.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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DATE

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STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

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CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland      21921

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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(HAVRE DE GRACE)  
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HOPEWELL METHODIST  
CHURCH

NORTH ELEV.

NE WEST NORTH STAM

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Hopewell Ch. Comm Ctr.

nr Woodlawn

SOUTH ELEV.

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